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**KODIAK AREA BLACK ROCKFISH TRIP LIMIT INCREASE
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Effective 12:00 noon August 18, 2012, the 5-day possession limit for black rockfish will increase from 5,000 pounds to 7,000 pounds (round weight) during the commercial directed black rockfish fishery in the Westside, Southeast and Afognak districts of the Kodiak Area. The 5-day possession limit of 5,000 pounds of black rockfish will remain in effect for the Eastside District of the Kodiak Area.

Vessel operators are reminded that mechanical jig and hand troll gear are the only legal gear types for the directed fishery. A nonexclusive black rockfish district registration is required prior to fishing and completed logbooks must be submitted to ADF&G after each trip. Vessel operators may not simultaneously hold a valid Kodiak Area black rockfish registration and any other registration, including a parallel or state-waters Pacific cod registration. A vessel operator may change black rockfish district registration when the directed fishery is open by contacting the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.